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\$25,000 GRANT AWARDED TO MELISSA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FROM USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Holyoke, CO – East Phillips County Hospital District, a.k.a. Melissa Memorial Hospital received a \$25,000 Community Facility Grant from USDA Rural Development. The hospital will utilize the funding to purchase a variety of equipment to include an anesthesia machine and a cardiocap/5 monitor. The previous equipment was 20 plus years old.

USDA Rural Development Acting State Director Joe Hostetler presented Aaron Wood, Acting CEO, with a ceremonial check on Tuesday, January 24th. "Through the Community Facility Program, USDA Rural Development provides rural communities with a population of 20,000 or less funding for essential services. This project is a prime example of how Rural Development funding can improve the quality of life in rural areas," said Hostetler.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. Further information on USDA Rural Development al programs by visiting Colorado's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/co/index.html>

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